

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for authorizing access to digital assets, the system comprising:

a global authentication authority, wherein the global authentication authority is communicably coupled to a global communication network;

a **first** network interface device associated with a customer premises, wherein the **first** network interface device is communicably coupled to the global communication network and to a **first** local communication network; **and**

a second network interface device associated with a customer premises, wherein the second network interface device is coupled to the global communication network and to a second local communication network,

a **first** local authentication authority associated with the **first** network interface device, wherein the **first** local authentication authority is operable to authenticate a plurality of **first** digital assets maintained in relation to the customer premises, and communicably coupled to the **first** local communication network, **and**

a second local authentication authority associated with the second network interface device, wherein the second local authentication authority is operable to authenticate a plurality of second digital assets maintained in relation to the customer premises, and communicably coupled to the second local communication network,

wherein the global communication network communicably couples the first local communication network and the second local communication network.

2. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1 wherein the global authentication authority is operable to authenticate the first and second network interface devices device, and to implicitly authenticate at least one of the plurality of first and second digital assets maintained in relation to the customer premises.

3. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 2 wherein implicitly authenticating at least one of the plurality of first and second digital assets maintained in relation to the customer premises includes accessing a digital security device associated with at least one of the plurality of first and second digital assets maintained in relation to the customer premises.

4. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein authenticating the first network interface device includes registering the at least one first digital security device associated with at least one of the first plurality of digital assets maintained in relation to the customer premises.

5. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein at least one of the global authentication authority, the first local authentication authority, and the second local authentication authority is operable to issue and store at least one digital security device.

6. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the first network interface device is further operable to access the at least one first digital security device from at least one of the plurality of first digital assets maintained in relation to the customer premises, and to register the at least one first digital security device in relation to at least one of: the global authentication authority and the first local authentication authority.

7. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the first or second digital security device is a digital certificate.

8. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 3, wherein the first or second digital security device is a digital pass.

9. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the **first or second** local communication network extends within the customer premises, and wherein the global communication network extends external to the customer premises.

10. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 1, wherein the **first or second** digital assets are selected from a group consisting of: content objects and customer premises equipment.

11. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the content objects are selected from a group consisting of: recorded audio, recorded live audio, live video, email, live chat, live voice, voicemail, and games.

12. (Original) The system of claim 10, wherein the customer premises equipment is selected from a group consisting of: video recorder, audio recorder, storage device, personal computer, PDA, mobile telephone, dish antenna, television, refrigerator, and security equipment.

13. (Currently Amended) A system for authorizing access to digital assets, the system comprising:

a first digital asset source, wherein the first digital asset source is communicably coupled to a plurality of digital assets maintained in relation to a customer premises, and wherein the first digital asset source is communicably coupled to a first communication network;

a first authentication authority associated with the first digital asset source;

a second digital asset source operable to request a digital asset from the first digital asset source, wherein the second digital asset source is communicably coupled to a second communication network; **and**

a second authentication authority associated with the second digital asset source,

and

a global communication network that communicably couples the first communication network and the second communication network,

wherein the system further comprises a network interface device associated with the first digital asset source,

wherein the first communication network is a local communication network,
wherein the first network interface device is communicably coupled to the
first communication network and to the global communication network,
wherein the first authentication authority is a first local authentication
authority associated with the first network interface device,
wherein the first local authentication authority is operable to authenticate a
plurality of digital assets maintained in relation to the first digital asset source,
wherein the system further comprises a second network interface device
associated with the second digital asset source,
wherein the second communication network is a local communication
network,
wherein the second network interface device is communicably coupled to the
second communication network and to the global communication network,
wherein the second authentication authority is a second local authentication
authority associated with the second network interface device,
wherein the second local authentication authority is operable to authenticate
a plurality of digital assets maintained in relation to the second digital asset source.

14. (Original) The system of claim 13, wherein the customer premises is a first customer premises, and wherein the second digital asset source is maintained in relation to a second customer premises.

15-16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently Amended) A method for authorizing access to digital assets, the method comprising:

receiving first access information from a first network interface device coupled to a first local communication network; ~~and~~

based at least in part on the first access information, implicitly authenticating a first digital asset associated with the first network interface device;

receiving second access information from a second network interface device coupled to a second local communication network;
based at least in part on the second access information, implicitly authenticating a second digital asset associated with the second network interface device;
and
communicably coupling the first communication network and the second communication network with a global communication network.

18. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the first and second access information includes a security device received from a one of: a global authentication authority, a first local authentication authority, and a second local authentication authority.

19. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the first network interface device is associated with a first customer premises, and wherein authenticating the first network interface device includes receiving at least one first digital security device associated with a first digital asset maintained in relation to the first customer premises and the second network interface device is associated with a second customer premises, and wherein authenticating the second network interface device includes receiving at least one second digital security device associated with a second digital asset maintained in relation to the second customer premises.

20. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 19, wherein authenticating the first network interface device further includes registering the at least one first digital security device associated with the first digital asset maintained in relation to the first customer premises and authenticating the second network interface device further includes registering the at least one second digital security device associated with the second digital asset maintained in relation to the second customer premises.

21. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the first or second digital asset is a content object.

22. (Original) The method of claim 21, wherein the content object is selected from a group consisting of: a recorded audio, a recorded video, a live video, a recorded video, an email, a live chat, and a game.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the **first or second** digital asset is a customer premises equipment.

24. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the customer premises equipment is selected from a group consisting of: a video recorder, an audio recorder, a storage device, a personal computer, a PDA, a mobile telephone, a dish antenna, a television, a refrigerator, and a security equipment.

25. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the customer premises equipment includes a gate lock, and a camera.

26. (New) The system of claim 3, wherein authenticating the second network interface device includes registering the at least one second digital security device associated with at least one of the plurality of second digital assets maintained in relation to the customer premises.

27. (New) The system of claim 3, wherein the second network interface device is further operable to access the at least one second digital security device from at least one of the plurality of second digital assets maintained in relation to the customer premises, and to register the at least one second digital security device in relation to at least one of: the global authentication authority and the second local authentication authority.